



Montgomery County

Planning & GIS Services

2008 Annual Report

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2008 Planning & GIS Services Major Projects

FEMA Mapping Project

Planning & GIS staff have been working on a FEMA flood map project to update the existing flood maps that were created in the 1970's. Community meetings will be held in the Summer and it is anticipated that the official maps will be effective around the Fall of 2009.

Land Development Office (LDO)

Land Development Office (LDO) was implemented in the Building Inspections and Planning Departments in early 2007. Over the past year, staff has worked with ACS Government Solutions to update and make enhancements to the software system. Phase 1 has been substantially completed and staff has already begun to develop specs for Phase 2 which includes a major enhancement for field work. Also in 2008, an introductory class for county employees was developed and introduced as part of the Montgomery County Career Advancement Program (McCAP).

Geographic Information System (GIS):

Montgomery County Sheriff and GIS Services partnered with Roanoke County to obtain a regional Pictometry Grant offered through the State of Virginia. It is anticipated that the county wide pictometry will be available in the Spring of 2009.

The department aided Economic Development in the creation of a GIS application to assist in selection sites for commercial and/or industrial growth.

GIS staff partnered with Virginia Tech Appalachian Studies to locate cemeteries within Montgomery County. Using that information a database and GIS layer were created.

Census 2010

A collaborative effort between the Towns of Christiansburg, Blacksburg and Montgomery County is underway to prepare for the 2010 US Census. Work began in 2008 and nearly 3000 addresses were added and 1000 were corrected upon completion of the Local Update of Census (LUCA). Work will continue in 2009 on the Boundary & Annexation Survey (BAS) and the Participant Statistical Areas Program (PSAP).

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In addition to major projects, Planning & GIS staff have diligently been working on everyday activities. A total of 470 predevelopment letters were processed and 363 of those were approved as zoning permits. Tables have been included on the next two pages outlining other daily activities of the department.

Subdivisions Processed

Type of Subdivision	Number Processed
Major	12
Minor	54
Boundary Line Adjustment/Vacation	89
Family	12

Board of Zoning Appeals (Action Taken January—December 2008)

Case Number	Property Owner	Request	Outcome
VAR-2008-05485	Nardi, Elizabeth Jane	Variance— Setback	Approved
VAR-2008-05487	Huckleberry Ridge LLC	Appeal Zoning Administrator's decision	Upheld Zoning Administrator's Decision
VAR-2007-05294	P&G Ventures LLC	Variance— Sign Setback	Approved with conditions
VAR-2008-06248	King, Joseph S	Appeal Zoning Administrator's decision	Overturned Zoning Administrator's Decision
SUP-2007-05238	Crockett, Walter G. III	Special Use Permit- Accessory Structure	Approved with conditions

Re-Zoning Requests (Action Taken January—December 2008)

Case Number	Property Owner	Request	Acres	Outcome
RZ-2008-05403	Reese Family Limited Partnership	Agriculture (A-1) to Rural Residential (R-R)	227.65	Approved with proffers
RZ-2008-05404	Rhondy L Martin	Agriculture (A-1) to Rural Residential (R-R)	18.13	Approved with proffers
RZ-2008-05589	Burdette, Kelly L	Agriculture (A-1) to General Business (GB)	6.5	Approved with proffers
RZ-2008-05675	Peterman, William W	Agriculture (A-1) to Rural Residential (RR)	19.038	Approved
RZ-2008-05913	Taylor, Charles A	Agriculture (A-1) to Residential (R-3)	2.3	Approved with proffers

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Special Use Permit (Action Taken January–December 2008)			
Case #	Property Owner	Request	Outcome
SU-2007-05229	Linkous, Earl M	Landscape Contractors Storage Yard	Withdrawn by applicant
SU-2007-05238	Crockett, Walter George III	Accessory structure over 1200 sq. ft.	Approved with conditions (BZA)
SU-2008-05315	Beliveau Development Corp	Country Inn	Approved with conditions
SU-2008-05684	Alderman, Dale W	Contractors Storage Yard	Approved with conditions
SU-2008-05692	Estes, Lawrence S	Telecommunication Tower	Approved with conditions
SU-2008-05790	Phillips Family Trust	Telecommunication Tower	Approved with conditions
SU-2008-05942	Jordan, Sandra Gail	Telecommunication Tower	Approved with conditions
SU-2008-06006	Wall, Sarah M Life Estate	Telecommunication Tower	Approved with conditions
SU-2008-06008	Wheeling, Charles Lewis	Telecommunication Tower	Approved with conditions
SU-2008-06009	Ellett Valley Development	Residential lots in CB	Withdrawn by applicant
SU-2008-06013	Estes, Lawrence S	Telecommunication Tower	Withdrawn by applicant
SU-2008-06149	Taylor, Charles A	Manufactured Home Class A	Approved with conditions
SU-2008-06313	River bend Water Company	Home Business	Approved with conditions
SU-2008-06314	River bend Water Company	Accessory Structure over 1200 sq. feet	Approved with conditions
SU-2008-06316	Wright, Roland S. Jr.	Manufactured Home Class A	Approved with conditions
SU-2007-04757	McGhee Seth Ryan	Contractors Storage Yard	Denied

Ongoing Training:

In addition to employees attending a variety of McCAP training sessions offered by the county, staff took advantage of training opportunities offered through various organizations across Virginia. Walt Haynes completed the CPEAV Planning Commissioners Certification Program. Bob Miller, Frank Lau, and Jamie MacLean attended the 2008 Land Use and Zoning Conference. Bob Miller, Steven Sandy, and Dari Jenkins attended the CPEAV Planning and Zoning Seminar. Dari Jenkins and Chuck Shorter attended a BZA Training event hosted by the NRV Planning District Commission. Steven Sandy attended the Rural Planning Caucus. Dari Jenkins attended the VAZO Spring & Fall Conferences. Attending the Annual Planning Commissioners Dinner were Steven Sandy, Kevin Byrd, Dari Jenkins, Steve Howard, Bryan Rice, and Bob Miller. Staff has always been encouraged to take advantage of these training opportunities to gain knowledge in their respective fields and provide enhanced customer service to the citizens of Montgomery County.

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